

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 11 and 13 have been amended to reflect the amendments which were made during the International Phase under PCT Article 34, but which were not reflected in the United States publication of this application, Publication No. 2006/0293180, issued December 28, 2006. Claim 12 is amended to clarify that it is dependent from claim 11. Claim 15 is amended to add the word "claim".

New claims 16-52 have been added to the present application in order to preserve rights under 35 USC 135(b)(2) to claim the same or substantially the same subject matter included in the claims of the Yeates et al U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2006/0009647 (hereinafter "the Yeates '647 publication"), which issued on January 12, 2006.

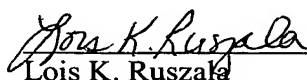
Newly added claims 16-36 are identically copied from claims of the Yeates '647 publication, and newly added claims 37-52 are substantially copied from claims of the Yeates '647 publication.

A set of claims copying and substantially copying claims of the Yeates '647 publication is also being added concurrently herewith to copending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/567,178, filed June 2, 2004, as PCT/US04/017103, which is commonly assigned to applicants' assignee. Another set of claims copying and substantially copying claims of the Yeates '647 publication is also being added concurrently herewith to copending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/573,694, filed October 7, 2004, as PCT/US04/033219, which is commonly assigned to applicants' assignee.

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